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NOTIFICATION

Sikkim INSPIRES (Integrated Service Provision and Innovation for Reviving Economies) is a programme proposed to be funded by the World Bank and is aimed at promoting economic inclusion opportunities for women and youth in non-farm sectors. Strengthening social networks to address issues related to reproductive health, fertility and family planning is one of the result areas identified for intervention under the umbrella of Sikkim INSPIRES.

The **Total Fertility Rate (TFR)** of Sikkim is on a declining trend and well below the replacement rate. The State Government is deeply concerned with this unfortunate trend and is actively seeking to remedy the situation.

Consequently, upon approval of the Competent Authority, an **Inter-Departmental Working Group on Total Fertility Rate (TFR) in the State**, comprising of the following members, is hereby constituted as under:

Sl. No.	Member Details	Designation
1.	Additional Secretary cum Mission Director, Sikkim INSPIRES, Planning & Development Department	Convenor
2.	Representative of the Health & Family Welfare Department	Co-convenor
3.	Representative of the Women & Child Development Department	Member
4.	Representative of the Social Welfare Department	Member
5.	Representative of the Rural Development Department	Member

Terms of Reference:

1. The Inter-Departmental Working Group shall, in close co-ordination with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), study the issue of declining Total Fertility Rate in the state of Sikkim.
2. The Inter-Departmental Working Group shall support the ICMR with provision of data and any other support as may be required by the Council during the course of the study.
3. On completion of the study, the Inter-Departmental Working Group along with ICMR shall submit a report to the Government of Sikkim.
4. The Inter-Departmental Working Group may co-opt any other public or private agency/ person, if deemed necessary.

By Order and in the name of the Governor,

V. B. Pathak, IAS

Chief Secretary to the Government of Sikkim

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